

CLAIMS

What is claimed:

1. A lighted hat, comprising:
a crown;
a bill extending from the crown; and
at least one light source positioned for directing light through a portion of the bill.
2. The lighted hat of claim 1, wherein the light source is at least partially within the bill.
3. The lighted hat of claim 2, wherein the light source is substantially entirely within the bill.
4. The lighted hat of claim 1, further comprising a light-transmissive portion defining at least a portion of an edge of the bill, and wherein the light source is positioned for directing light through the light-transmissive portion.
5. The lighted hat of claim 4, wherein the light-transmissive portion includes one or more indicia highlighted by light from the light source.
6. The lighted hat of claim 1, further comprising a light-transmissive portion defining an upper portion of the bill, and wherein the light source is positioned for directing light through the light-transmissive portion.
7. The lighted hat of claim 1, wherein the light source comprises a plurality of light sources
8. The lighted hat of claim 1, further comprising a controller for controlling the operation of the light source.

9. The lighted hat of claim 1, wherein:

the bill includes an externally flexible surface portion;

the bill is adapted to receive therein at least one switching device for switchably connecting the light source to a power source; and

the switching device is coupled to the externally flexible surface portion such that application of external pressure upon the externally flexible surface portion activates the switching device thereby causing operation of the light source.

10. The lighted hat of claim 1, wherein the light source comprises at least one LED.

11. The lighted hat of claim 1, wherein:

the bill includes a portion responsive to black light; and

the light source comprises at least one black light LED for directing black light at the black light-responsive portion.

12. The lighted hat of claim 1, further comprising a lens positioned to receive and focus light emitted by the light source.

13. The lighted hat of claim 1, wherein the light source comprises a chemiluminescent material.

14. The lighted hat of claim 1, wherein the bill is adapted to allow adjustment of the direction of the light emitted by the light source.

15. The lighted hat of claim 14, wherein at least a portion of the bill is pivotable relative to the bill to allow adjustment of the direction of the light emitted by the light source.

16. A lighted hat comprising:

a crown;

a bill extending from the crown, the bill including at least one light-transmissive portion; and

at least one light source positioned within the bill for directing light through the light-transmissive portion.

17. The lighted hat of claim 16, wherein the light-transmissive portion includes one or more indicia highlighted by the light from the light source.

18. The lighted hat of claim 16, wherein the light-transmissive portion defines at least a portion of an edge of the bill.

19. The lighted hat of claim 16, wherein the light-transmissive portion defines an upper portion of the bill.

20. The lighted hat of claim 16, wherein the light source comprises a plurality of light sources.

21. The lighted hat of claim 16, further comprising a controller for controlling the operation of the light source.

22. The lighted hat of claim 16, wherein:

the bill includes an externally flexible surface portion;

the bill is adapted to receive therein at least one switching device for switchably connecting the light source to a power source; and

the switching device is coupled to the externally flexible surface portion such that application of external pressure upon the externally flexible surface

portion activates the switching device thereby causing operation of the light source.

23. The lighted hat of claim 16, wherein the light source comprises at least one LED.

24. The lighted hat of claim 16, wherein:
the light-transmissive portion comprises a portion responsive to black light; and
the light source comprises at least one black light LED for directing black light at the black light-responsive portion.

25. The lighted hat of claim 16, wherein the light source comprises a chemiluminescent material.

26. The lighted hat of claim 16, wherein the bill is adapted to allow adjustment of the direction of travel of the light emitted by the light source.

27. The lighted hat of claim 26, wherein at least a portion of the bill is pivotable relative to the bill to allow adjustment of the direction of travel of the light emitted by the light source.

28. A lighted hat, comprising:
a crown;
a bill extending from the crown, the bill including at least one light transmissive portion defining one or more indicia; and
at least one light source for directing light through the light-transmissive portion to highlight the indicia.

29. The lighted hat of claim 28, wherein the light source is at least partially within the bill.

30. The lighted hat of claim 29, wherein the light source is substantially entirely within the bill.

31. The lighted hat of claim 28, wherein the light-transmissive portion defines at least a portion of an edge of the bill.

32. The lighted hat of claim 28, wherein the light-transmissive portion defines an upper portion of the bill.

33. The lighted hat of claim 28, wherein the light source comprises a plurality of light sources.

34. The lighted hat of claim 28, further comprising a controller for controlling the operation of the light source.

35. The lighted hat of claim 28, wherein:

the bill includes an externally flexible surface portion;

the bill is adapted to receive therein at least one switching device for switchably connecting the light source to a power source; and

the switching device is coupled to the externally flexible surface portion such that application of external pressure upon the externally flexible surface portion activates the switching device thereby causing operation of the light source.

36. The lighted hat of claim 28, wherein the light source comprises at least one LED.

37. The lighted hat of claim 28, wherein:

the light-transmissive portion comprises a portion responsive to black light; and

the light source comprises at least one black light LED for directing black light at the black light-responsive portion.

38. The lighted hat of claim 28, wherein the light source comprises a chemiluminescent material.